



**Monroe Community College Student Government Association  
Senate Meeting Minutes for  
Tuesday, September 30, 2008  
2:15 p.m. - Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Acosta  
At-Large Senator Carey  
CASA Senator Kuhn  
Liberal Arts Senator Halling  
Science, Health & Business Senator Ruhindi  
Service Clubs Senator Malin  
Social Clubs Senator Bauman

**President:**

Daniel Elliott

**Vice President:**

Sarah Robinson

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Stephen Darrow

**Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Matt Lawson

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Lee Struble, Public Safety; Devin Lynch, Student Trustee; Craig Proctor, Campus Center; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; Malcolm Cohen, Presidential Cabinet; Craig Learn, WMCC; Mike Rice, Student; Carter D. Thomas, Student; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:16 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Speaker's Report**

- Leadership Retreat – this year's retreat was his favorite in the past four years. He hopes that what he learned will help him do a better job with leading the SGA. He met Nia Jones, President of SEGA; they are planning a joint meeting between the two campuses.
- Office Policy – he and Deputy Speaker Lawson are working on policies for the Senate office.
- Blood Drive - Senator Malin needs help with the blood drive this week so please sign up to help.

**B. Senators**

**Senator Carey...**

- Leadership Retreat – it was phenomenal; had an excellent time; can't wait until next year.
- Peer Mentors - will be volunteering at the Fall Special Olympic Games on Saturday, October 4th, at Total Sports Experience from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and cheer on the athletes. Please let your classmates and colleagues know about it; anyone from MCC who attends is asked to wear MCC attire to let them know MCC supports them.
- RTS Bus Service – he spoke to Charles Schwitzer from RTS about improving bus service to and from MCC. Mr. Switzer said funding is the main issue; he hopes the forum will not turn into a "yelling session"; he is waiting to hear from their communications director about feasible dates for a public forum. Senator Carey also spoke briefly to President Tyree about the bus situation; he agrees something needs to be done; he will attend the public forum if his schedule allows him to. Senator Carey would also like to invite representatives from the Monroe County Legislature to the forum.

**Senator Kuhn...**

- CASA events: Wednesday, October 1, Lucas Carpenter will be performing in Main Dining during college hour; Friday, October 3, CASA will be doing an MCC paraphernalia give away in the Terrace Lounge during college hour; Saturday, October 4, Pauly Shore will be performing in the gym, tickets can be purchased through [monroecctickets.com](http://monroecctickets.com)
- MCC History Month – the kick off begins on Wednesday, October 1, important members of MCC's past and present will be making speeches. This event is sponsored by the Peer Mentors. There will be other events promoting MCC History throughout October.

**C. Campus Center Advisor**

**Campus Center Advisor Stewart** thanked everyone who attended the Leadership Retreat.

**D. Faculty Advisor**

**Faculty Advisor McCauley** stated that he would have liked to have attended the retreat, but Thursday afternoon at 3:45 pm his second grandson was born so he had other duties he had to attend to.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)**

**a. Resolution to approve the release of funds to the Peer Mentors in the amount of \$1,000**

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the release of funds in the amount of \$1,000 to the Peer Mentors.

**Discussion:**

**Senator Malin** asked Tony DiFabio what the money was needed for.

Tony stated that the \$1000 will go towards the fee involved with bringing the exhibit to campus.

**A vote was taken.**

Senator Carey and Senator Kuhn abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** approves the release of funds to the Peer Mentors in the amount of \$1000.

**b. Resolution to approve the members of the Finance Committee**

*Resolved*, that the following Student Government members shall be appointed to the Finance Committee: JC Acosta, Taylor Malin, Andy Bauman, and Devon Woodward.

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve the members of the Finance Committee.

**Senator Kuhn** so moved, seconded by Senator Bauman.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the appointment of JC Acosta, Taylor Malin, Andy Bauman, and Devon Woodward to the Finance Committee.

**c. Resolution to approve the members of the Library Student Advisory Committee**

*Resolved*, that the following Student Government members shall be appointed to the Library Student Advisory Committee: Simon Ruhindi, Emma Halling, and Devon Woodward.

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve the members of the Library Student Advisory Committee.

**Senator Carey** so moved, seconded by Senator Ruhindi.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the appointment of Simon Ruhindi, Emma Halling and Devon Woodward to the Library Student Advisory Committee.

**d. Resolution to approve the members of the Events Committee**

*Resolved*, that the following Student Government members shall be appointed to the Events Committee: JC Acosta, Elli Kuhn, Ted Carey, Matt Lawson, Katelyn Giangregorio, and Bill Guilford.

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve the members of the Events Committee.

**Deputy Speaker Lawson** so moved, seconded by Senator Malin.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the appointment of JC Acosta, Elli Kuhn, Ted Carey, Matt Lawson, Katelyn Giangregorio, and Bill Guilford to the Events Committee.

**e. Resolution to approve the members of the Fundraising Committee**

*Resolved*, that the following Student Government members shall be appointed to the Fundraising Committee: Andy Bauman and Ashley Yost.

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve the members of the Fundraising Committee.

**Senator Bauman** so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the appointment of Andy Bauman and Ashley Yost to the Fundraising Committee.

f. **Resolution to approve the members of the Constitution Review Committee**

**Resolved**, that the following Student Government members shall be appointed to the Constitution Review Committee: Steve Darrow, Dan Elliott, and Malcolm Cohen.

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve the members of the Finance Committee.

**Senator Carey** so moved, seconded by Senator Kuhn.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the appointment of Steve Darrow, Dan Elliott and Malcolm Cohen to the Constitution Review Committee.

g. **Resolution to approve the Presidential Cabinet Campus Environment Coordinator**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve John Gordon as the Campus Environment Coordinator on the Presidential Cabinet for the 2008-2009 Academic Year.

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve John Gordon as Campus Environment Coordinator.

**Deputy Speaker Lawson** so moved, seconded by Senator Bauman.

**Discussion:**

Vice President Robinson stated that she met with John; he has great energy, he is very excited about being at MCC, and he wants to join because he wants to help with things on campus.

Speaker Darrow stated that John is in two of his classes and he seems to have a good hold on things.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves John Gordon as Campus Environment Coordinator for the 2008 – 2009 Academic Year.

**V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Finance Coordinator Devon Woodward asked Deputy Speaker Lawson to share with the Senate that he had a good time at the Leadership Retreat and he is looking forward to next year.

Deputy Speaker Lawson informed the Senate that there are several sign-up sheets in the office to help with the Blood Drive. He has sign-up sheets from the Faculty Senate who will be having voter registration tables in the Terrace Lounge during the week of October 6 – 10; they have asked the Student Government to join them. The Rock the Vote Committee also has sign-up sheets for the voter registration tables that will be set up at the mock election on October 7 & 8.

Speaker Darrow asked Senator Kuhn if CASA still needed help at the Pauly Shore event on Saturday, October 4. Senator Kuhn replied that they are all set with helpers and that there are still plenty of tickets left.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:26 p.m. Speaker Darrow called for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Kuhn so moved, seconded by Senator Carey. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Brennan  
SA Secretary